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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LAWRENCE YAPLE, an individual,
and TRACEY YAPLE, an individual,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, a
public entity, OFFICER JASON
KUPKA, an individual, OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER SAUCIER, an
individual, OFFICER GUSTAVO
RAMIREZ, an individual, OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER JAMES, an
individual, OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
TOOTH an individual, COUNTY OF
RIVERSIDE, a public entity, and
DOES 1- to 20,

Defendants.

Case No.: 23-cv-01478-ODW-PD

**STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL
WITH PREJUDICE OF
DEFENDANTS CITY OF DESERT
HOT SPRINGS, OFFICER JASON
KUPKA, OFFICER CHRISTOPHER
SAUCIER, OFFICER GUSTAVO
RAMIREZ, OFFICER
CHRISTOPHER JAMES, AND
CHRISTOPHER TOOTH**

Courtroom: 5D
Judge: Otis D. Wright
Magistrate: Judge Patricia Donahue

Complaint Filed: 02/24/2023
Trial Date: October 21, 2025

TO THIS HONORABLE COURT:

Plaintiffs Lawrence Yaple and Tracey Yaple and Defendants City of Desert
Hot Springs, Officer Jason Kupka, Officer Christopher Saucier, Officer Gustavo
Ramirez, Officer Christopher James, and Christopher Tooth (the “City
Defendants”) – the Parties – hereby stipulate by and through their counsel of record

1 and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1) to dismiss the City
2 Defendants and this action in its entirety with prejudice.

3 WHEREAS, the Parties, including Defendant County of Riverside (the
4 “County”), reached a conditional settlement on May 13, 2025;

5 WHEREAS, the Parties filed a Joint Stipulation to Dismiss the County of
6 Riverside on August 15, 2025 (ECF No. 39);

7 WHEREAS, the Court dismissed the County of Riverside with prejudice on
8 August 18, 2025 (ECF No. 41.);

9 THEREFORE, the remaining Parties now stipulate to the dismissal of
10 Defendants City of Desert Hot Springs, Officer Jason Kupka, Officer Christopher
11 Saucier, Officer Gustavo Ramirez, Officer Christopher James, and Christopher
12 Tooth and the action in its entirety, *with prejudice*, with each party to bear their
13 own attorneys’ fees and costs.

14 **SO STIPULATED.**

15 Dated: October 23, 2025

Carter Law Firm, APC

17 By: /s/ Corey Carter

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1 Dated: October 23, 2025

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14 **SIGNATURE CERTIFICATION**

15 Pursuant to Local Rule 5-4.3.4, I certify that the content of this document
16 is acceptable to Counsel for Plaintiffs and that I have obtained authorization from
17 Plaintiffs' counsel to affix his electronic signature to this document.

18 Dated: October 23, 2025

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